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Kristen/Steve-

Thanks very much for your willingness to have the EPA funds for supporting work by our Penn State colleagues on the CBP Partnership's Chesapeake Bay **nitrogen** atmospheric **deposition** model added to your forthcoming PA CBIG grant award.

Kristen, during our meeting on Friday, you stated that Steve told you that Penn State automatically added a 50% administrative charge to all incoming federal funds. When I returned to the office today (was in Richmond, VA all yesterday—I just like spending my days in the state capitals of the Commonwealths within the Bay watershed!!), I spoke with Lewis Linker about this. Lewis confirmed that the budget we worked out with our Penn State colleagues, Jeff Grimm being the lead investigator, already has a 49.5% indirect cost rate applied so we have accounted for the 50% admin cost for this federal funding. I believe this was what Steve was referring to.

I have attached a copy of the original scope of work and budget we worked out with our Penn State colleagues back in December when we were attempting to award these funds through an existing EPA Office of Research and Development cooperative agreement with Jim Shortle's Center for Multi-scale Nutrient Pollution Solutions. (As explained to you two weeks ago during our phone call, that was one of several approaches to getting the funds to Penn State that I have tried but ended up failing to not be viable...I am starting to think this has to do with me somehow!) Please see the attached budget on sixth (last) page and then go down to F&A Rate 49.5%--that's the indirect rate that they charge us federal agencies.

Lewis spoke with Jeff Grimm this morning and confirmed that where the 50% charges to federal agencies comes in and there is not a separate additional 50% administrative fee. Please confirm back to me that this all makes sense and we can include this \$50,000 in EPA funds to support this Partnership work in your PA CBIG grant award.

Thanks, Rich

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